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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Rhodes College



Dear Rhodes Community,

Last week's **Athletics Day of Giving** had another strong performance, raising \$450,854. In just 24 hours, our community came together to celebrate our student-athletes, coaches, and teams in a truly remarkable way. Twenty-one teams were supported through 1,070 gifts. A special thank you goes to everyone who contributed to this important effort to support our amazing student-athletes who represent us so well in conference, regional, and national competitions. Your gifts provide equipment, travel, and resources our exceptional student-athletes need to excel on and off the field, and we are so grateful for your generosity.

I also want to congratulate our incredible women's soccer team, which earned a bid to the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament. The Lynx defeated Brevard in the opening round to advance to the round of 32, where they ultimately lost to host Emory in a hard-fought defensive battle against the number 2 ranked team in the country. Additionally, our cross country teams finished strong at the NCAA DIII regionals, with the women placing third out of 23 teams and the men finishing sixth out of 24 teams. Elena Gentry '28 and Anna Cantrell '27 qualified to compete in the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championship this weekend in Spartanburg, SC. We are so proud of all our student-athletes.

For generations, a hallmark of a Rhodes education has been faculty engagement with students in and out of the classroom. These interactions shape students' paths after graduation and foster relationships that last a lifetime. To support and perpetuate these meaningful interactions with faculty in the sciences, Jim Compton '71 has established the **James N. Compton Science Faculty Mentorship Fund**, an endowment that supports science faculty who engage students in their research at Rhodes. We are so grateful for this generous gift.

This year's **Rhodes Summer Academy** will be held June 21-July 2 and will be residential. Students entering grades 10-12 in fall 2026 are eligible to participate. A list of course offerings and a link to the application can be found [here](#). Discounts are available for students of alumni, those with two or more students in the program, and returning students from last year. You may also get more information by emailing summeracademy@rhodes.edu. Our very successful Mock Trial Academy is also taking place this summer from June 21-29. More information can be found [here](#). We look forward to having these students on campus next summer.

I want to thank all of you have participated in the **Rhodes into Memphis** initiative this fall as we work to provide 50,000 community service hours as part of our 100th anniversary in Memphis. We have already hit 39,500 hours—an amazing testament to our community's heart for service and community

engagement. This work is an important way Rhodes has historically provided support to our great city. The program will continue through May, so let's keep the momentum going.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to acknowledge all we are grateful for, including those we work with, learn from, and live with on our campus. I hope you will join me in thanking those around you who are impacting your life in both extraordinary and everyday ways. Rhodes is such a special place, and I am so grateful to be part of it with you.

I wish you a restful and safe holiday week, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Jennifer M. Collins
President



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